

CONNECTION CARD

Tear off and drop in the Offering Jar  
or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I am new to DCC.
- ☐ I am a returning guest.
- ☐ I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- ☐ I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- ☐ I am updating my contact information.
- ☐ I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- ☐ I would like to attend Starting Point.

Date of Birth: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_

The service I usually attend is:

- ☐ Saturday 5:30 PM
- ☐ Sunday 9:00 AM
- ☐ Sunday 11:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

- ☐ Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
- ☐ Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Worship Arts
  - ☐ Choirs ☐ Handbells ☐ Drama
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Starting Point
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- ☐ Hospitality Team
- ☐ Ushers
- ☐ Youth Ministry Sunday School
- ☐ Children’s Ministry Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister  
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister  
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Adjunct Associate Minister  
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister  
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus  
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

Staff

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist  
Gloria Trode, Director of Children’s Music  
Dr. Kay Paulsen, Director of Congregational Care  
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Family Worship  
Ben Rayland, Children’s Ministry Director  
Ally Street, Nursery Director  
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator  
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services  
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager  
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator  
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper  
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff  
Liam McDonough, Building Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

Office 315-445-0331  
Pastor on Call (24/7) 315-303-2308

Helpful Links

Website: [www.dewittchurch.org](http://www.dewittchurch.org)  
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



“It’s About JOY”

Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 PM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church		
Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 PM		
<b>Thought for Today</b>		
“Joy is a mystery because it can happen anywhere, anytime, even under the most unpromising circumstances, even in the midst of suffering, with tears in its eyes....” -Frederick Buechner		
Prelude	<b>“This Holy Night”</b> by Dudley Buck	
Welcome & Greeting		
*Processional Carol	<b>O Come, All Ye Faithful</b> (#182)	
*Responsive Call to Worship		
Leader: Rejoice, for God is with us — Emmanuel.		
<b>People: In the darkness of our world shines God’s holy light.</b>		
Leader: Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, and to live with joy!		
<b>People: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Let us Rejoice!</b>		
*Unison Prayer		
<b>Lord God, as we gather here tonight, we celebrate Your love which took on human flesh to live among us and teach us your ways. Help us to sing with joy not only on this night, but throughout this coming year because of Your presence in our lives and in our world. We rejoice, not because everything is perfect, but because You are at work in us and through us. Continue to open our hearts to You and to shape us and mold us to be a reflection of Your love. Fill our hearts with joy as we give thanks for Your presence and Your limitless grace and love. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.</b>		
Bell Choir	<b>“Noel, Ye Merry Gentlemen”</b> arr. by Susan Nelson (7pm only)	
Lighting the Advent Wreath (see insert)	Battaglia Family (7 PM) Hall Family (9 PM) Paulsen Family (11 PM)	
Choir Anthem	<b>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</b> arr. by Dan Forrest	
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1043)	
In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world (this was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria). And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.		
*Carol	<b>The First Noel</b> vs 1-3 & 6 (#229)	

Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-12 (p. 1043)	
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”		
Invitation To Give		
Offertory	<b>“O Holy Night”</b> Laura Enslin, soprano and Liam Fitzpatrick, tenor	
<i>Please feel free to give via our secure e-giving portal www.dewittchurch.org/give on your mobile or other electronic device.</i>		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:13-20 (p. 1043)	
Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.		
Christmas Meditation	"It’s About JOY"	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers
Lighting of the Candles		
Carol	<b>Silent Night, Holy Night</b> (#186)	
*Recessional Hymn	<b>Joy to the World</b> (#179)	
*Blessing		
Choral Postlude	<b>“Gloria”</b> by W.A. Mozart	
<b>Worship Assistant:</b> Rev. Alan R. Rudnick		
*Congregation stands		
<i>A diaper-changing station is available in the Library.</i>		

<b>New Preaching Series:</b> <b>What is GOD CALLING you to in 2018?</b>	
Within the Bible there is this big idea that God calls all of us to do something. In the Old Testament God called Abraham to start a nation & Moses to lead his people out of slavery. In the New Testament God called a variety of men and women to make a difference for God by stepping out in faith. Starting on the weekend of January 6 & 7 we will begin a six week series of messages on “The Call” looking at God’s call on the life of St. Paul and what it means for us today as people who seek to follow Christ.	
<b>New Study</b> <b>"Religious Literacy: Understanding the 5 Major World Religions"</b> <b>January 7, 21, 28, Feb 4, and 11 - Room 6, lower level by the gym</b>	
Contrary to popular belief, the world is becoming more spiritual/religious. The 5 major world religions continue to grow but do you really know what each religion believes? Many think that all religions have the same basic message but this is not true! Each has its own claim to a divine truth. In this 5-week series, Pastor Alan Rudnick will lead participants through the importance of religious literacy, basic beliefs of world religions, and how each religion addresses living a life of faith. Come with an open and inquisitive mind.	
<b>WINTER BREAK VBS—Maker Fun Factory</b> <b><i>Created by God, Built for a Purpose</i></b> Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure! At Maker Fun Factory VBS kids discover not only that god made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Kids take a Bible learning adventure with Sciency-Fun Gizmos, games, cool songs, and tasty treats, just to name a few. February 19-23, 2018, Monday through Friday 9AM-12PM + Sunday Morning Celebration! Register at <a href="http://dewittchurch.org/vbs">dewittchurch.org/vbs</a>	